

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Sillins

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 03:29 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the ordinance restricting tour buses and am grateful for the DOT and the Council Office for understanding how dangerous this has become. I know of three accidents involving tour buses. If I know of three, how many must there be. I have also personally witnessed u-turns on small roads and drivers pulling into driveways. The drivers are rude and reckless and drive without caring that they are driving on a residential street. Or a non residential street for that matter. It's as if the laws don't apply to them. There is so much to say but I will leave it here. Please support this ordinance. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Rick W

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 03:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a homeowner near the intersection of Seattle Drive and Woodrow Wilson. While I understand that entertainment tourism is essential to our economy, the Mulholland Tour Vans create highly unsafe situations for everyone, especially their passengers. Multiple times I have been put into unsafe vehicular and pedestrian situations by large tour vans who stop illegally (sometimes parking astride the double-yellow lines and motioning me to pass around them in the opposing lane). Or they pull out onto narrow and fragile dirt shoulders above the cliffs on the south side of Mulholland. Dozens of times each day tour vans block the 4-way stop intersection of Mulholland/Woodrow Wilson to talk about Quentin Tarantino's house. The tour vans also block entry to the Jerome C Daniel Overlook parking lot, and double park, causing private vehicles to stack up on Mulholland at a hairpin curve. I have nearly been rear-ended twice because I was stuck behind vehicles in that blind spot. I have attached photos of a Star Line tour van and an Ultimate Hollywood Tour van both blocking the Overlook parking lot around 6pm on September 16, 2019. Tour vans even stop along the hairpin turn between 7885 Woodrow Wilson and 7678 Woodrow Wilson to talk about some of the residents of "Celebrity Row". To accommodate this sort of commercial business activity, the City of LA would need to improve Mulholland Drive and Jerome Daniel Overlook infrastructure—adding safe pull-outs, commercial vehicle turnaround zones with ADA compliance, and paved shoulders along the length of Mulholland. Until that happens, the tour vans should be significantly curtailed. Concerned Neighbor, Rick W.



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Name: La Castana Dr Resident

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour buses are unsafe in this neighborhood. They slow down traffic and sometimes stop in the middle of the road for no reason. The tourists are let out on the side of the road and allowed to cross the street by dangerous blind curves with their small children with no regard for safety. It needs to stop before someone gets hurt.

Communication from Public

Name: Taylor

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: These tour buses have total disregard for the rules of the road - stopping in, no-stopping areas or in the middle of the road - holding up travel or forcing people to overtake them, often on corners on narrow hill roads. They're also a violation of peoples privacy - I can't imagine how horrible it must be having a bus of strangers looking in my house.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Because certain vans are not equipped with the proper sound system you can hear the narration from your home, with all windows and doors closed, and that it's quite a nuisance. Most drivers drive very slowly (sometimes they even stop in the middle of the road) to allow tourists to take pictures, they rarely pullover and if/when they do, very often they do not use their signals to warn the cars behind.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Franceschini

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour bus operators are severely slowing down traffic and making our streets, especially Mulholland unsafe. They have little or NO respect for traffic laws, drivers or the residents of neighborhoods. Our streets for movement not to offer business people a place to unsafely interrupt the flow of traffic for their own profit while with no regard for the population. WHY should they be allowed to make our streets unsafe? WHY should they be allowed cause traffic jams and cause accidents. I have been in many near crashes as a result of their utter disregard. Why aren't police following them and ticketing them for abuse? The amount of debris has increased substantially as well and they don't care!! CANS, BOTTLES, WRAPPERS, FOOD BAGS... THE LIST GOES ON. TOO MANY ON THE ROAD!! Limit the amount of operators, fine them and follow them.... This is a disgrace! They are arrogant and do not follow rules or laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 05:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the Tour Bus Ordinance (CF 17-1115). My only concern is likely attempts by tour bus operators to technically adhere to the proposed ordinance, but ignore its spirit, eg, providing one way tours that conveniently connect to another tour returning to the initial tour's starting point, stretched cars that would have the same capacity (there is at least on such vehicle operating on Mulholland) and would likely operate in the same unsafe manner , etc. I have witnessed the following transgressions by tour buses that adversely impact the safety of stakeholders, tour bus clients and tour bus drivers. The below occurs on a section of Mulholland less than 1.5 miles long: Tour buses regularly stop on WB Mulholland in No Parking zone between Mulholland and Sunny Cove while partially blocking WB Mulholland traffic lane - tour buses straddle fog line forcing WB Mulholland traffic into EB Mulholland traffic lane. Location is immediately before blind curve. Tour buses regularly stop on WB Mulholland in No Parking zone between Sunny Cove and Hollywood Bowl Overlook while partially blocking WB Mulholland traffic lane - tour buses straddle fog line forcing WB Mulholland traffic into EB Mulholland traffic lane. Tour buses regularly make illegal left hand turn from Hollywood Bowl Overlook onto Mulholland WB. Location is immediately after a WB Mulholland blind curve. Tour buses regularly make illegal left turn from WB Mulholland into Hollywood Bowl Overlook. Location is immediately after a WB Mulholland blind curve. Tour buses regularly stop in No Parking zone located on WB Mulholland between Outpost and Macapa. Tour buses regularly stop at intersection of WB Mulholland and Pacific View Trail. Tour buses block intersection forcing Pacific View Trail outbound traffic into Pacific View inbound traffic lane. Tour buses also block Pacific View Trail exiting sight lines of Mulholland EB traffic. Tour buses regularly stop immediately in traffic lane after blind curve located just before Runyon Canyon street parking on WB Mulholland. Tour buses regularly stop in No Parking zone after blind curve located just before Runyon Canyon street parking on WB Mulholland. Tour buses occasionally cross WB Mulholland to EB Mulholland and stop in No Parking zone facing oncoming traffic and straddling fog line forcing EB Mulholland traffic into WB Mulholland traffic just before a blind curve. Tour buses regularly stop in WB Mulholland traffic lanes

between Mulholland Bridge and Pyramid Place. Tour buses regularly slow down in WB Mulholland traffic lanes between Mulholland Bridge and Pyramid Place. Unfortunately, the preceding has been ongoing for a number of years and has only gotten progressively worse. It is time to put an end to it

Mulholland ~100 yards east of Pyramid. Tour bus that had been driving WB on Mulholland crossed double yellow line to stop on the EB side of Mulholland in a No Parking zone, straddling the fog line, then returning to WB Mulholland. WB Mulholland traffic is coming around a blind curve into the sun. I have witnessed this a number of times.



Communication from Public

Name: Susan and Tom Mullins

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 05:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour bus companies and drivers have been warned repeatedly not venturing on small streets yet they are now on Woodrow Wilson Drive between Nichols Canyon Road and Laurel Canyon Blvd. This road is barely wide enough for cars to pass. It has sharp curves, hidden driveways, potholes and is not maintained by the City. It has also become heavily traveled due to WAZE. Neighbors walking their dogs and baby strollers near their homes are in danger. Yet here is a photo of but one of the tour buses that stopped on this country road to speak over a loudspeaker about celebrities who allegedly live there. At our HHWNC meeting with various tour companies, we heard the company reps and drivers talk among themselves shrugging off our concerns and that they can ignore any rules. They are not good citizens. They don't care about the accidents they cause or the near-misses as they talk and point while driving. They force traffic to pass on yellow lines because they stop in the middle of the road for photo ops. The drivers tell wild lies about who live in these houses which can endanger the real residents. The noise from loudspeakers can be heard by all neighbors along the roadways. We don't have enough police to cover the areas. PLEASE HEAVILY RESTRICT THE ROADS, THE HOURS OF OPERATION, THE NUMBER OF LICENSED VEHICLES, AND THE ABILITY TO LEVY HUGE FINES BASED ON TIME-STAMPED PHOTOS OF THESE VIOLATIONS.





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Communication from Public

Name: lin shaye

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 05:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour bus situation is invasive and out of control. In terms of Mulholland they slow down any traffic behind them with their commentary and pace. I live on Torreyson Drive...I was told by the "celebrities guards" at the end of Torreyson Place that they sometimes get up to 80-90 buses a day driving to the "end " of Torreyson Place where the celebrities gate is, to stop at the dead end for photos and commentary, and then they often come up Torreyson Drive with loud speakers blaring and have backed up into my driveway several times to broadcast and gawk at the Lautner "flying saucer house" when I was trying to get out of my home. It is embarrassing, invasive and annoying to say the LEAST!...I am also in the film business, and have been "recognized " on several occasions, at my home, so now people know where I live....PLEASE PUT RESTRICTIONS ON THESE PERSONALLY INVASIVE BUSES.. THANK YOU !

Communication from Public

Name: Longtime resident of Woodrow Wilson Drive.

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 07:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: REGARDING THE TOUR BUS ORDINANCE: This ordinance is a start in the right direction. PLEASE PASS THIS ORDINANCE! As a resident of Woodrow Wilson Drive, I must drive to and from my residence on several narrow hillside streets as well as on Mulholland Drive. Many times I count the number of Tour Busses met along the way: 6,8 or as many as 11 have been encountered in a five minute stretch of road. Tour busses are frequently seen blocking traffic by stopping on the streets, or going slowly with a trail of cars behind them. Also they are sometimes speeding. We also find Tour Busses driving over the line, on the wrong side of the street on blind curves. It is frightening to come around a sharp curve and suddenly find a Tour Bus coming your direction in your lane. Often it seems Tour Bus drivers are so distracted in their narration that they are not paying attention to other traffic on the road. They are distracted drivers. These are all behaviors other residents and I continue to witness. Their loud speakers interfere with the usual peace and quiet here which lowers the quality of life for the residents, as well as lowers property values when we try to sell our homes. At least one celebrity resident, to my personal knowledge, could not stay in his home on Mulholland Drive because he heard tour bus operators identifying his home, and that he lived there, at all hours to tourists. He felt forced to relocate. He forfeited his view home for one without a view, but with privacy in a different neighborhood. He has not been able to sell the Mulholland home. That should not have been necessary. Would you like to hear loud speakers outside your front door identifying where you live? I don't think so! This is not an amusement park where noisy narrators may not matter. It is a neighborhood of private residences where owners have every right to maintain their privacy like the residents of other neighborhoods. Tour Bus drivers do not enforce absolute No Smoking signs in the hills, and this frightens us because the Fire Department has designated the entire Santa Monica Mountain Range Area, which includes my street and all other streets between Sunset and Ventura Blvd, as a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." Year round, we can not legally even allow our guests to smoke in our own back yards. Then when we frequently see Tour Busses passing by with smokers holding their lighted cigarettes out the windows, it really

frightens us. Their carelessness endangers our neighborhoods. Also, as we have seen and photographed, some Tour Busses being driven on our very narrowest streets, where it is not even legal for them to go, including on Woodrow Wilson Drive. Who is enforcing the irresponsible actions of the Tour Bus drivers and their smoking, littering guests? Please pass this ordinance so that we can begin to get irresponsible Tour Bus behaviors enforced. Thank you very much.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Siphron

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 04:49 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Members, The hazards posed by tour buses along the Mulholland corridor to both the local community and the general public are well documented. As a resident living in the Hollywood Hills, I witness and experience these dangers on a daily basis. Countless times I have come perilously close to being sandwiched between a tour bus illegally stopped along a blind turn and a vehicle following behind me. By the most basic of traffic laws, these tour buses are not allowed to impede the safe flow of traffic. Sadly, this happens all the time with tour buses either completely stopped, moving at a crawl, or partially blocking the road while perched on a precariously narrow, self-made dirt shoulder. They also have an annoying habit of stopping in the middle of small intersections at the entrance to the residents' streets. Even more importantly, these numerous tour buses are driving along narrow, winding streets in a severe fire danger zone with limited ingress and egress. With tourists now commonly outnumbering the local residents, a main concern is those out of town visitors who are apparently unaware of our fire dangers. We have witnessed tour bus passengers discard their cigarettes near dry vegetation. This irresponsible behavior puts many homes at serious risk. But it isn't just the passengers. When the 5 O'clock news covered the tour bus that burst into flames at the Hollywood Bowl overlook, it was a near disaster. This will likely happen again because heavily loaded tour buses are prone to overheating in hilly terrain. The operators drive very slowly while describing the local attractions, constantly braking and accelerating. This type of wear and tear puts excessive strain on the tour bus which in turn leads to overheating and the risk of fire. I am glad to see that our City Council has proposed an ordinance that will restrict these tour buses, and their inherent dangers, from the hilly streets and areas that simply cannot accommodate this hazardous congestion. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: mary robinson

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour buses have have robbed property owners of safety, privacy, and safe access to our homes. The peace and quiet of once peaceful neighborhoods have been invaded by the greed and disrespect of these tour buses. They still use loud speakers even though it is illegal. The guides lie about who is living in houses subjecting the unsuspecting owners to an invasion of tourists at all hours. They cause major traffic hazards because they ignore all traffic rules and parking signs. Tourists and drivers smoke in posted non smoking areas. I live on Woodrow Wilson Drive which is a very narrow and curvy street. The buses come down the street with speakers blaring, parking where there is no parking and making it impossible to get in or out of our driveways and if we honk our horns to access our own driveways we are subjected to profanity and complete disrespect to our property or privacy. Here is one example of the constant egregious acts of disregard for private property and parking. On my property I have a porta potty for the construction workers to use while they are doing the permitted work on my property. A tour bus stopped to let the passengers out to use the porta potty on my property without permission and blocked my drive way. Some were smoking in a posted non smoking area. The consistently audacious and illegal acts by the tour bus drivers is dangerous for life, private property, traffic, and the character of our communities, yet the city officials seem to continue in their practices of sheltering the tour bus owners and do nothing to protect and shield the property owners who are paying countless millions in property taxes. If these officials want to be re-elected then it is time for them to come down hard on the tour buses and PROTECT THE COMMUNITIES OF RESIDENTS WHO VOTE THEM INTO OFFICE!!!!!!!!!!!! KEEP THE TOUR BUSES OUT OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES!!!!!!!!!!!! REGULATE THE STREETS THEY CAN TRAVEL ON AND FINE THEM \$25,000.00 OR MORE IF THEY DO NOT KEEP TO THE DESIGNATED ROUTES!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (In Europe the tour buses routes are strictly regulated to maintain traffic control and protect private residencies and communities. The European tour bus owners have to pay for the right to use the regulated routes and can be jailed and fined if not adhered to.) LA CITY OFFICIALS....KEEP THE TOUR BUSES OUT OF OUR

RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND ON NON
RESIDENTIAL MAIN STREET
THOUROUGHFARES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Living in the Hollywood Hills, I've witnessed first hand the Wild West attitude of these tour bus companies and their drivers. Stopping in the middle of a four way stop intersection so they can chat with their customers about alleged celebrities living nearby is a hazard to everyone's safety. Also, there needs to be safety features on these modified death trap vans which have had their roofs removed. The city council should take a strong position on safety of these vehicles in our city and be the model for California and the rest of the country. Thank you. Taxpayer and resident of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Taia Siphron

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 04:03 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, According to the IPCC we now have less than 12 years before we do irreversible Co2 emissions damage to our planet. It is only over the past 7 years that we have gone from zero tour buses in the Hollywood Hills to numbers that are, at times, exceeding passenger vehicles. You, the politicians have allowed this business model to run out of control because of your need for endless revenue to satisfy your insatiable spending habits. The solution is simple. Remove these tour buses off of our streets. And, if there is a counter argument and the solution to this uncontrollable carbon footprint we are making upon the Earth, is to run Tour Bus EV's, that is also NOT an option. Big car companies, such as Tesla, have created more irreversible damage to the Earth in the mining of Lithium for the batteries to run their vehicles. In countries such as Peru whole valleys are completely drying up because of the water necessary in the mining of Lithium, driving residents from their homes and killing off all the species of wildlife that rely on that water to survive. The only solution to this problem is to completely remove these Tour Vans from the streets and stop bleeding out the Co2's that are destroying us, all of us. Either we take action now, or we fail and destroy the Earth for a frivolous joy ride that simply entertains our out of town guests for an hour. Stop this now. Taia Siphron

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Keyser

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 04:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support An ordinance adding section 80.36.11 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code making it unlawful to operate a Tour Bus on any street the Department of Transportation has determined unsafe for Tour Bus operation. I live right off Mulholland, and I drive on Mulholland every day to get to and from work and for nearly everything else. I have noticed extremely unsafe driving by tour bus operators, including stopping in the middle of the street, on a narrow, winding street. This forces other drivers to go around tour buses, with no sight line, and which can (and has) led to automobile accidents. The tour bus drivers almost always ignore the "Not Stopping" and "No Parking" signs, and they ignore signs restricting vehicles over 6,000 lbs. I have also noticed drivers and their patrons littering out of the tour buses. The roads in the Hollywood Hills are too narrow and too curvy to allow these rogue operators who stop in the middle of the road to point out houses that are frequently not even occupied by the "celebrities" that they say occupy them. Also, NBC4 and others have done stories about how unsafe the actual tour buses are. If they were to ever roll over it would be horrible for the people inside. One tour bus even went up in flames last year at the Griffith Park overlook, almost starting a hillside fire that could have endangered lives and burnt down many homes. Please pass this ordinance to restrict tour buses in the Hollywood Hills! - Kevin Keyser - Nichols Canyon Road

Communication from Public

Name: mary robinson

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:19 PM

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 02:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Tour Buses on Mulholland Drive are causing dangerous driving situations. They stop randomly to point out "Star Homes" with complete disregard for the traffic behind them. Because Mulholland Drive does not have wide shoulders, they are basically stopping in the middle of the lane. I experience this on a daily basis coming to and from my home in Nichols Canyon. And there are people hanging out of the vans to take pictures - which is also very dangerous on a two-lane street. Please restrict these buses. There are going to be fatal accidents if this isn't rectified soon.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Klug
Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 12:02 PM
Council File No: 17-1115
Comments for Public Posting: Torreyson Flynn Association urges you to adopt the 4 recommendations of the Department of Transportation memo sent to you September 18, 2019 Please see attached letter

Torreyson Flynn Association

Re: Proposed Tour Bus Ordinance

Attention: Honorable Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

Greetings,

Our Neighborhood is constantly plagued with dangerous and annoying tour busses who flagrantly disobey the law and create general havoc in our area. They use loud speakers in direct violation of the law and constantly ignore street signs.

We are located adjacent to Mulholland and have large busses on our tiny streets who block ingress and egress and create hazards.

We strongly urge you to follow the 4 recommendation of the Transportation Department made in their September 18 memo to you and approve this ordinance for the consideration of the full council.

Our neighborhood has suffered with these tour and busses far too long and we need relief. Please consider this carefully.

Thank you.

Richard Klug, President

Torreyson Flynn Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Klug". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Communication from Public

Name: Florence Blecher

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 12:09 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: The tour busses on Cahuenga, Mulholland & Outpost are a neighborhood blight. •Many of the vehicles are unsafe without roof or side windows. In the event of an accident, their occupants are in grave danger. •There are TOO MANY of them! It is not unusual to count 7 or 8 tour busses while driving between Mulholland & Cahuenga to Outpost & Franklin, sometimes there are even more than that. •While they may sometimes pull to the side, they often block passage or make passing hazardous on those narrow, twisting, hillside roads. •They make driving in our home neighborhoods unpleasant & hazardous. IF there are going to be tour buses at all, they need to be in •safe, fully enclosed vehicles •limited numbers & hours of operation & they need to be pooled •restricted stops, for which the tour operators must pay a monthly fee to install & maintain •there must be a STEEP, escalating fine system that the City must rigorously enforce -- the tour operators should also pay the fees to pay the enforcers. The blight needs to be managed & strictly enforced. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The tour buses are operating in a very danger way. They do not obey street signs, make illegal u-turns and continually stop in the middle of the road to point out things to the riders. It's particularly dangerous on Mulholland where the bulk of them drive all day. The drivers do not seem to care if they are driving illegally and it seems as if many of the tour buses do not have appropriate licenses/approvals. These buses should be much more restricted. There are way too many to be safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Dabney Bixel

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 01:40 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to add my discontent regarding the tour buses constantly driving throughout the Hollywood Hills. First of all, they are very dangerous and have erupted in fire in the past. They are constantly spewing dirty emissions into our air and I fear for the innocent tourists who ride in these dilapidated vehicles. It is the responsibility of the City Council to make our neighborhoods safe not only for our residents but also for the wonderful folks from all over the world who visit our communities. Truly, it is about time that some serious decisions and actions take place by the elected officials who take on the responsibilities to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Kaiser

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 01:56 PM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: These tour buses are a runaway menace and don't belong in residential neighborhoods and on narrow canyon roads. While I understand our city's support for and benefit from increasing tourism, residential quality of life needs to be considered. Please support this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Anastasia Mann
Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 11:27 AM
Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as an individual, not as President of HHWNC. COMMITTEE members. PLEASE support this Ordinance it can be heard in the full Council. This issue of Tour Buses smothering our small hillside streets and Scenic Mulholland Highway is out of control. I counted 18 busses in less than three minutes on Mulholland just two days ago. Many were just stopped, mid highway. Some let passengers out into the street. They dump trash AND ARE SMOKING. Even the drivers smoke. NO ONE is using seatbelts. Most are still NOT using headsets. There are NO children's protective seating. A woman carrying a baby nearly lost the child (in an open air "crop-too" bus when it made a sudden stop. Our asphalt streets are crumbling under the constant weight. Other commuters are experiencing road rage. Violent confrontations occur all day long. Tourists are lied to about celebrities living in certain homes. They are allowed to disembark- blocking narrow, curved roads - to take photos inside peoples windows. Please support this DOT and City Attorney approves Ordinance to restrict these vehicles out of the Hollywood Hills up to and including Mulholland Drive, from Highland to - at least - Laurel Canyon - and south to Franklin or Hollywood Blvd. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Anastasia Mann

Date Submitted: 09/23/2019 11:17 AM

Council File No: 17-1115

Comments for Public Posting: Transportation Committee, good afternoon. For transparency purposes, I am disclosing upfront that I am the president of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council. HHWNC -over many years now - at least seven - has held numerous committee and full board meetings as well as Public Town Halls with attendance by thousands of stakeholders in total - on the issue of the proliferation of tour busses in residential neighborhoods causing numerous violations of traffic laws, safety laws and invasions of personal property resulting in substantial loss of privacy and quality of life. Please note, the flagrant ignoring of traffic laws as well as standard road courtesy has impacted not only residents both in the hillsides and in the flats, but also commuters from all parts of the city. The list of offenses - verified by hundreds, if not thousands of photos and live videos by hundreds of stakeholders- is frankly endless. As a reminder, Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian stood up to this affront and wrote AB25 to set certain standards as well as bring local control to cities under assault instead of state agencies. This bill became law and since then Council member David has well represented his CD4 Stakeholders in bringing this topic to Council in the past. Despite all our “restrictions”, LAPD is still spending an inordinate amount of time citing drivers of these vehicles while the owner/operators continue allowing dangerous conditions and violations. One Tour Bus owner told me outright that they do not care about the drivers or if they lose their “commercial” license. And I quote: “There are 100 people waiting in line for these jobs”. Enough is enough. They have slipped into the narrowest of hillside streets, blocking people from traversing to their homes, driveways, jobs, etc. They have turned MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY into an extremely dangerous “commute through a nightmare”. They have blocked roads from two way traffic and impeded the pathway for emergency vehicles. They have run thousands of stop signs, signal lights and every causes collisions and posed NUMEROUS RISKS TO THEIR PASSENGERS LIVES, by dangerous driving or fully stopping mid road, parking in “no stopping” areas and allowing people out of the vehicles to cross Mulholland on foot to see a view on BLIND CURVES where lives are in harms way and drivers are literally blind sighted. Their abuses have led the city to post numerous “no

stopping” signs (all of which they ignore) that have changed the landscape of our hills and the ability of regular folks to enjoy our views. You will hear from bus company owners who have been constant political donors and chamber of commerce participants with the hope that they can appear legit. The thousand videos prove otherwise. These are currently in the possession of LAPD & our prosecutors as well as NBC Investigative Reporting team and visible on their website. Several series of exposés have been televised nationally showing actual dangerous drives which put the lives of our tourists at risk. And our locals as well. We’ve had buses blow up and their fires have threatened our hillsides and homes. I could continue for hours. Enough. The drastic nature of this situation caused our DOT & City Attorney to create this Ordinance to not only protect the infrastructure of our beleaguered and aged streets in the hills, but to protect the people and animals who continually are put in harms way. This must stop. These companies - legit or gypsy - have had years of warnings. Nothing has changed. It’s only gotten worse due to the impossibility for LAPD to monitor and “catch” hundreds of offenders daily. In Hollywood our police personnel are swamped with homeless, crime, public drunkenness, etc. And the tour bus folks know this. Our streets are crumbling. Our driving sight lines are constantly blocked by illegal stops. Plus Emergency services are more important than ever with our fire and earthquake risks. It is time to restrict these violators off our small, and mostly cul-de-sac streets and our scenic Highway. DOT did not just make this up to come before you. This is real and dangerous. Please support the citizens of this beleaguered community and protect and save lives and our infrastructure from these dangerous, overweight vehicles. While I know you will hear from the few (if any) folks who claim to be “good guys”. Where have they been? Why are their vehicles in hundreds of videos?

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members Continuous Tour Bus traffic has become a constant presence on Mulholland. The busses stop whenever and wherever their driver chooses to do so, with no regard for safety or courtesy. Mulholland has one lane of traffic in each direction. The drivers often stop on blind curves, and encourage those behind them to pass--- essentially waving other drivers into oncoming traffic. This is a DAILY OCCURRENCE. They also block intersections and driveways, and move only when honked at. Some operators are licensed, many are clearly not licensed. Both kinds break the law by stopping in the roadway or by ignoring the law forbidding open microphones. Our neighborhood has been asking for help with this issue for literally years. Please adopt and ENFORCE this ordinance. If not, as bus traffic continues to increase, there will be accidents and injuries. Thank You, Paul Golding Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association